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PRES. MESSAGE

First I would like to thank the Committee that chaired the reception for the Duquesne Tamburitza show. I think they did an exceptional job! The desserts were plentiful and very good and everyone certainly enjoyed them. Thank you to ELLA KORACH, MARY GIZDICH, EMME COLENDICH, GERI HEEBNER, FRANNY COLENDICH and all the members who supplied the desserts.

Our Potluck was very nice. It reminded me of our first potlucks; the members were slow in coming but as it got closer to the time to eat, they started to arrive. We had about 60 people; more than our last potluck. Hopefully, if the trend continues, our next potluck of September 7, 1986

will be BIGGER & BETTER.

Our BAR-B-QUE on JULY 6th is creeping up on us. I think we have a very great prize for our raffle; a round trip ticket for two to Hawaii or Five Hundred Dollars cash. We had 500 tickets made. They are selling for three tickets for \$10 or \$5 apiece. We need all the help we can get in selling them. Hope you will help us as much as you can to make this a very successful event.

We had to change our choice of meat for the event for economical reasons. Skirt steak is being shipped to Japan so as you can imagine, the price of skirt steak is getting too high but I am sure the membership will not mind our second choice - Top Sirloin and our BAR-B-QUE COMMITTEE headed by BUD SCURICH will do a Fantastic Job as they do with all the Bar-b-ques. So Come early and bring a Big Appetite. See you there!!!!!

JULY 6TH

REMEMBER to plan on attending our JULY 6th BAR-B-QUE at the Corralitos Padres Park. Dinner will be served to adults for \$10 and to children under 12 for \$4. It will include delicious top sirloin, chili beans (not too hot but just right), Yugoslav potato salad and tossed salad (Dee-licious), french rolls (crusty and wonderful), and crispy cold sodas, wine & beer. There will be as always, our MOST DELICIOUS & DELIGHTFUL Desserts!

We will have live entertainment with the GARY PACINI band. They play a wide and enjoyable variety of music for your listening

and dancing pleasure.

There will be another Great Prize to raffle. This time it will be a round trip for two to

Hawaii or \$500 in cash.

I don't imagine you could find better fun or company anywhere that day so why not plan on attending our 7th Annual BAR-B-QUE with us. We are looking forward to greeting all of you once again. We have missed many of you and it would be wonderful to visit and catch up on old times. Let's keep the tradition alive for a long time to come.

If you would like to purchase your dinner tickets beforehand, just give RON HILL a call at (408) 724-1284. If you would also like to buy some raffle tickets, RON or BABE

have those also.

We are looking forward to seeing you on JULY 6th at Corralitos Padres Park. (NOTE: We would like to have some games and prizes for the youngsters but are in need of someone to supervise these games. If you would like to help, give RON a call. We would really appreciate it.)

DINNER WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 1:00p.m.

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By BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

We saw many YACOS at the Duquesne Concert and at the reception but also many from "over the hill". Said hello to CAROLYN BAHR, JOHN & NANCY BJELETICH, ELSIE & WALTER MATT, JOHN BRITZ and many more. Sure hope you

enjoyed it as much as we did!

FAMILIAR FACES there were: M/M JURICKOVICH, M/M SKILLICORN, M/M SERPA, M/M LAWRENCE, M/M S. PEKOCH, MARGE & ISABELLE SECONDO, MADELINE SCURICH and M/M A. SOLDO. . . . The June 1st Potluck turned out to be a success. About 60 people attended. Some came late and some came too late but all in all, it was great! Who brought the bread? There wasn't any. OOPS. We had some guests: M/M JENSEN, ANKA (MATULICH) BAOELOVICH, "RICH" McADAMS. ... The Split Festival was great. Couldn't hear the singing too well but the scenery was great & beautiful. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was ANNA RADALYAC. Congratulations ANNA! Would you believe someone made sarma, strawberry cake, molded jello salad, rice, chicken & sauce, artichoke fritters, weiners & sauerkraut? I wonder where BILL LAWRENCE & his popcorn cookies were. Did you taste them at the reception? They are real good. ... Don't forget the trip to Hong Kong Oct. 3rd with JOHN & SHIRLEY IVELICH - 8 days and 6 nites at \$999.99 including air & hotel. You could do your shopping and be a hit this Xmas. There will also be a side trip to mainland China with JOHN. Better look into it. ... Do you get Channel 27 "the Discovery Channel"? They have a program called "SLAVS" and tells about the history of the Yugoslavs. Look for it. It's very interesting. ...
GOOD THOUGHTS & POSITIVE ENERGIES to JERRY GOSPODNETICH. Hang in there JERRY. Think "up"!! Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 1986 and I

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Daly City, CA May 18, 1986

Dear Patricia:

We will be celebrating our Forty-Fifth would appreciate very much that you mention this in your next issue of Kalifornski Yugoslav-American Cultural Organization paper.

With kindest regards , VICTOR & EMILY BOGDAN (Needless to say YACO'S very best wishes go to M/M BOGDAN for many more years of happiness and good health. 45 is a very special number of years to share with someone you love. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of May 2, 1986 (March 2 - May 2)

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INCOME:	
Member renewals	\$ 628.00
Interest (2 mos.)	80.54
Refund on cleaning	50.00
Potluck raffle & wine sales	67.40
Total Income	\$ 825.94

EXPENSES:	
VFW rent (2 mos.)	100.00
Postage	4.38
Kennedy Hall	350.00
Storage	150.00
Supplies for Feb. party	50.00
Newsletter	528.47
Taylor's Off. Supply	40.57
Rural Garbage - Feb. party	12.00
Robert Hughes; accounting fees	400.00
Franchise Tax Board; filing fee	
Mity Nice Bakery - potluck	14.40
Emme Colendich; guest book	11.18
Ad: Watsonville High Yearbook	170.00
Watsonville Hospital:donation	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,941.00
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Total Scholarship Fund	692.20
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(Welcome to our new and renewed members)

Notes

PROFESSOR JERRY SIMIC will be coming to Watsonville again towards the end of July to visit with our Yugoslav residents who would like to talk about the Yugoslav contributions in early Watsonville and who might care to share some photos of our early Yugoslav settlers here. I will keep you in touch but in the meantime, if you have any photos to share, call and let me know so I can inform the Professor. He is from the University of Las Vegas, Nevada and is compiling a history of our people with pictures and stories. Your help will be very much appreciated.

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"WELCOME TO JUGOBANKA"

This article was given to me by YACO Member MARY SUDAR BURDICK. The story is about her mother and was published in a Canadian publication by Jacques Johnson, OMI - Director of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan.

"BECOMING BRIDE OF TOTAL STRANGER PART OF POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE - A Pilgrim's Prose.

I think it is one of life's gifts that we often meet extraordinary ordinary people, people who are humble and unpretentious and unkowingly exude greatness and nobility.

ROSE SUDAR is such a person.

I met her about five years ago and recently had the pleasure of visiting with her again.

She lives in Longview, Wash., in the large house where she raised her 10 children, about 10 miles from town.

She is alone now, with her husband dead some 18 years ago, and her remaining nine

children all married and gone.

At 85, she maintains a spotless house. and finds energy to cultivate beautiful flower-beds and a garden producing fruit and vegetables that she is able to share with her family.

Her children wish her to move into town. but she has so far resisted their plea.

TO MEET her again was a real joy for both of us. I had not seen her in four years, and wondered if she would still be on the farm. She had not changed at all and her hair shows only a touch of grey.

Although her daughter Anne was present, she insisted on preparing dinner for the three of

us herself.

To celebrate the occasion she opened a

bottle of choice California wine.

Rose reflects her Croatian origins in her accent. She was born in what is now Yugoslavia and she came to the U.S. in 1912 as a 20 year old bride-to-be.

As I prodded with my questions, she seemed only too happy to share the mysterious events that brought her thousands of miles from her homeland.

She had given up the idea of ever being a bride. With her father dead and her two brothers in the army, there was no one to pay the dowry, the money which tradition had decreed the woman was to bring to her husband in marriage.

THEN, BY some strange coincidence she met a 17 year old boy who had returned from the States, with the purpose of finding a wife for his uncle who had emigrated to Montana to work

in the mines. (Cont'd next page)

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ROSE SUDAR contid

This was her chance. She immediately volunteered to go without the slightest idea what the man was like. She felt deep within that it would work.

When she told her mother, the poor woman thought her daughter had lost her head.

But neither tears nor argument would change

the young woman's commitment.

She bade farewell to family, friends and land. She never went back to visit and she never saw these people again. She now has only two nieces living in Yugoslavia.

She made the long journey in the company

of a niece of her future husband.

"WHAT DID you think of your future husband when you first saw him?" I asked Rose.

"I loved him immediately," she answered

with a bright smile.

They were married three weeks later. She brought an ancient photograph of the newly-weds from the living room. The bride is young and beautiful in her white dress and he stands dark and handsome with wide shoulders and black moustache: an impressive and happy-looking couple.

They lived together for 52 years and had

some happy times and some hard times.

They left the mines of Montana to purchase land in lashington and farmed. They worked hard and raised their large family with the energy, dedication and selflessness that our parents and grandparents also had.

THEY shared their Christian faith and their values with the children God gave

them.

One of her grandsons is Father Jim Burdick, a good friend, who is currently pastor in

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Castroville, California. I am grateful to Jim for having had the opportunity of meeting his remarkable grandmother.

I find her remarkable not only because of her odyssey of 65 years ago, but because of her real zest for life and her love of people.

Her outlook on life is as positive now as it was when she first decided to take the plunge and become the bride of a total stranger Every day is a risk and requires a daily commitment to life and to happiness.

Rose is basically a lover, as I know her. There is a deep quality of love and selflessness in her eyes as she relates with you.

She loves her children and grandchildren with total loyalty to what they are and can become, and gently she seems to challenge them to also live life to the full and be what God

has intended them to be.

She also challenges me to be as grateful to be alive as she is, and to be as happy as she is in loving

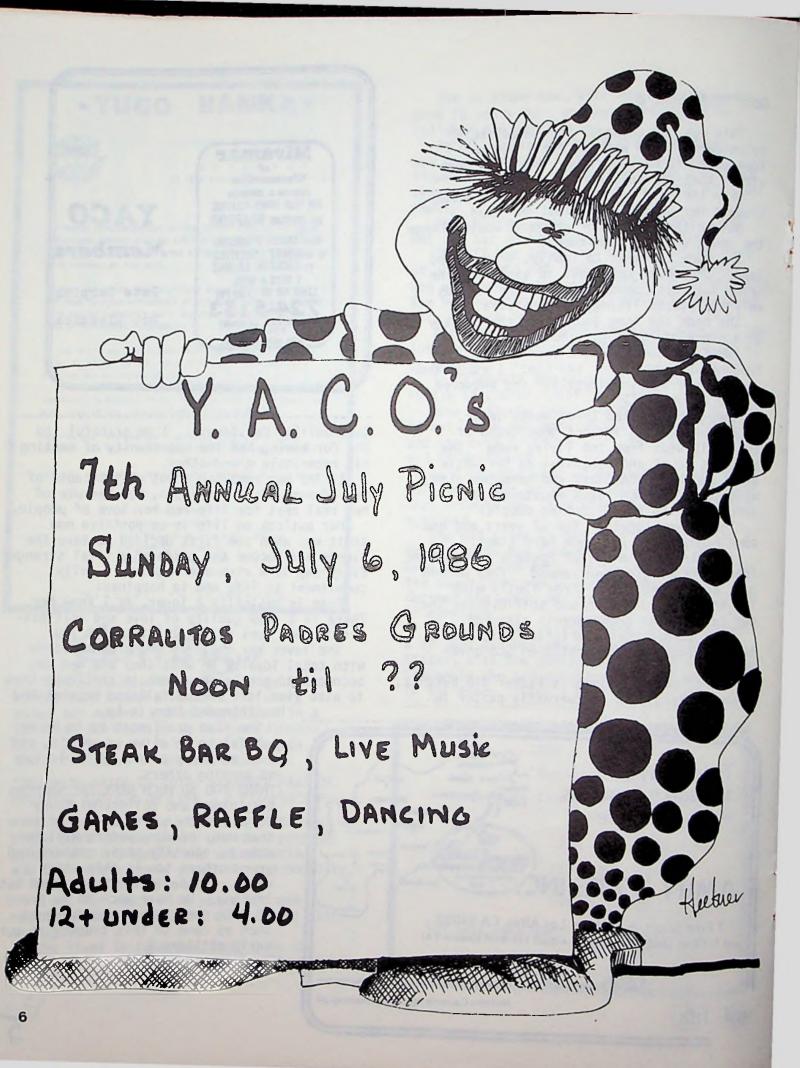
and serving others.

(THANK YOU SO MUCH MARY for sharing this proud and delightful story of your mother with us. I am sure that many of our readers will be able to identify their mothers and grandmothers too in this story as well. The beginnings were hard but lasting. We have much to be proud of with parents and grandparents such as came to this country as our early settlers.)









MANY THANKS !!

I would like to thank so many people who helped me with this year's Scholarship Bake Sale at Fairway Mart on May 10, 1986. I especially want to thank my Telephone Committee: FRAN COLENDICH, NEVENKA RADICH, LUCILLE DERETICH, GERI HEEBNER, BABE HILL, MARLENE RADOVICH, ANDY GULERMOVICH, and BLAGICA YRANJES. Also thank you to ANN & ANDY SOLDO, LENA DERPICH, SLAVICA ZALAC, ANNA RADALYAC, FRANCES BASICH and to CAROLE GOSPODNETICH and to all those who brought the delicious cakes and pastries and who sent donations. Some of you brought desserts without being asked. Thank you. I especially wish to thank FAIRWAY MART for their generosity in letting us have our Bake Sale at their store each year. This year was very good since we made \$618.00 for our Scholarship Fund.

I am so grateful to all of you who were so generous with your time and hard work. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. With your help, a good location and beautiful weather, you helped make this day a success.

MARY BASICH

FRIENDLY NOTE

Share YACO with a friend. Invite someone you know to attend our YACO functions. What better way to keep YACO strong and alive but to share it and keep it growing. Someone is just waiting to be asked so do them a favor and ask them to join you and us.





What a Night!

These thanks come from EMME COLENDICH, Chairman of the Reception for Duquesne Concert.

First of all, as usual, ALEX SOLANO provided the beautiful roses for the occasion. Thank you ALEX. There were beautiful!

Our Dessert Co-Chairmen, MARY GIZDICH and ELLA KORACH did a GREAT job calling for desserts and then being there accepting food as it came in. Also helping were: FRAN COLENDICH, LENA DERPICH, NAIDA NICHOLAS and NEVENKA RADICH.

My sincerest appreciation to all of you and anyone who might have helped to make that evening a huge sucess. THANK YOU! (EMME COLENDICH did a marvelous job of YACO'S sponsorship of the Reception and we know that all who attended the Reception appreciated her and her participants' hard work. THANK ALL OF YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!) THE EDITOR

Yugoslav Radio Hour

REMEMBER to listen to the YUGOSLAV RADIO HOUR every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. on radio station KOMY, 1340 on your radio dial.

ANDY & ANN SOLDO are your hosts and bring you the finest in old favorites as well as the very latest music from Yugoslavia. They will be happy to play any special requests you might ask for whether it be for birthday, anniversary or for any special announcement.



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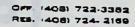
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By NAIDA NICHOLAS

The award winning Tamburitzans gave a performance at the Watsonville High School that will long remain in our hearts. exceptional group of young people from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, left the audience breathless. Their costumes, their songs and dances were impressive and moving. However, we will have to wait for another two years before they will make a return trip to the West Coast. Harmonija Music & Arts was delighted to bring this outstanding group to Watsonville.

Harmonija thought you might be interested in getting acquainted with our very own musical ensemble. Besides some twenty voices in our choral group, we have a very talented group of musicians who accompany us. They are: Naomi Bivins, playing the Prima, which belongs to the family of Tambura string instruments and carries the melody. Sena Knornschild is our accordianist. Steve Zalac strums the Bugarija, which is lower in pitch than the Prima. John Biskup brings out the rhythmic background on the Bass. Marge Stocking accompanies our soloists on the violin.

Many thanks must go out to our dedicated members of YACO, who went all out to prepare the delicious delicacies served at the reception after the Duquesne concert.

Harmonija will be performing at YACO's 7th annual barbeque on July 6th. We are looking

foward to seeing many old friends and also making new friends. See you all there -



by Nancy Bjeletich

in this month's column First, want to extend congratulations Harmonija Music and Arts for a fine job of sponsoring the Duquesne University Tamburitzans on May 23 the Watsonville High Auditorium. We have been in your shoes before as sponsors, and we're very much aware of the energy that goes into these concerts. The packed auditorium proof that Watsonville has an interest in Slavic culture. and we commend Harmonija for making the effort to bring this group to their city.

Y.A.C.O.'s reception following the concert was also enjoyed by all who attended. It added a festive touch to the evening, allowing friends to gather and visit dance the to music Tamburitzans. Refreshments provided members of the club were deliby cious!

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VESELI cont'd

I counted ten members of the Veseli orchestra in attendance. They all came with their spouses, children, mothers, sisters, etc. so we comprised a fair-sized assemblage. Elsie Matt was there, too, with her Yugoslav history class from De Anza college. We all had a great time visiting with our Watsonville friends and seeing our neighbors from San Jose.

We are still on vacation as of this writing, so I have no further word on our picnic. However, we will most likely have a barbecue and dance the second week of September at Napredak. As soon as I have details I will let you know.

We're looking forward to the Y.A.C.O. picnic on July 6. Then its back to work to prepare for Seattle on August 1 and 2 at the SeaTac Marriott.



COOKING

From Croatian Cuisine comes this delicious dish of zucchini that would certainly please any hungry palate. (pg. 186)

PECENE BUNDEVKE (Baked Zucchini)

1 lb. zucchini 1/2 c. grated cheese
1 c. water 1/2 c. sour cream
1/2 tbs. vinegar 1/2 c. butter
2 egg yolks, well beaten



(Cooking)

Wash the zucchini. Snip off the ends and grate coarsely. Cook the zucchini in water to which vinegar has been added. When tender, remove from heat and drain the excess water. Grease a deep baking dish and place the zucchini in it. Combine eggs, butter, sour cream and cheese. Cook until a thick sauce forms. Pour this sauce over the zucchini. Place the zucchini in a hot oven (450°) and bake for 8-12 minutes until the top begins to brown. Serves 4.

(Zucchini is one plentiful vegetable that we are able to enjoy in this valley. This recipe sounds delicious!)

EXTRA EXTRA

CONGRATULATIONS to our YACO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER this year. She is LORI HEEBNER, daughter of CHUCK & GERI HEEBNER and grand-daughter of NICK & KATY DERPICH. LORI graduated from Watsonville High School and we are very proud and happy to award the YACO Scholarship to her. Continued success LORI. Not only is your family proud of you, but YACO is also.

I understand that ANN KRISTICH and PAUL MILOGLAV received some awards at Natsonville High School also. CONGRATULATIONS to both of you also. We are very proud of our local youth and wish them all the best of success in their futures.



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GOOD NEWS

(This article was published in our local Register-Pajaronian and written by STEVE STROTH, Staff Writer. It appeared in the June 14, 1986 issue. We will publish it in our Kalifornski in several issues as it is quite long though very interesting.)

HOW A TEACHER BECAME A POLITICIAN

When Watsonville Fire Captain Chris Johnson walked to the podium a few months ago to report on the status of the Fire Department, he must have felt 12 years old again.

There was 66-year old Watsonville Mayor ANN SOLDO, Johnson's former elementary school

principal, smiling down at him from behind the dais in the City Council chambers.

She beamed with a knowing grin - a proud teacher acknowledging the success of a former pupil while still remembering the little boy who was sent to her office for talking in class.

"That's Chris Johnson," SOLDO told the crowd of about 100 who had crammed the council chambers that night. "He's a former student at MacQuiddy School where I was principal."

The 34-year old Johnson was a little surprised by that, but he certainly didn't expect what came next. Still, it was typical of Watsonville's first woman mayor.

SOLDO went on to recall what the 12-year-old future fire captain said when asked what

he wanted to be when he grew up.

"Every year he'd say the same thing. 'I'm going to be a fireman' ... And now here he is, a captain in our Watsonville Fire Department," the former principal said.

Johnson mused later: "I guess I used to say that when I was a little kid."

There are many other former students who grew up to be Watsonville firefighters, and teachers, and mechanics, and engineers. And SOLDO'S matronly, almost doting praise is the same for them, too.

"She's always saying how proud she is of the guys that went to her school," Johnson said,

"and how she's proud we're serving the community.'

That's typical of ANN SOLDO, a former teacher-principal turned politician and radio

personality.

She's unabashedly proud of the products of the Pajaro Valley, whether its fruit from nearby fields or firefighters from the area's classrooms. She's involved in numerous civic and cultural organizations, which revel in Watsonville's vivid history and its community of longtime residents.

"ANN is an old-timer, well known and well respected," former City Councilman Charlie

Palmtag said. "She's part of the existing power base that's always been here."

Mayor SOLDO is proud of her heritage, which she gets a chance to tout every Sunday morning on KOMY when she and her husband, ANDREW, broadcast the Yugoslavian-language program, they've been doing together since 1957.

But a more telling example of her pride ususally surfaces in her sometimes stubborn

bouts with other council members.

Many times she's too proud to steer away from an argument, she says, especially when she believes she's right. You can see it in the way she purses her lips and nods her head to assure the listener that her point is indeed a fact.

ANN SOLDO is indeed a proud woman.

She looks pretty much the same way she did when Johnson was a sixth-grader at MacQuiddy school more than 20 years ago.

"I just remember her as the boss of the school," Johnson recalls. Now, of course, she's

the political "boss" of the city.

Her hair is a little grayer since her school days, and the black-rimmed glasses she used to wear while policing the playgrounds have been replaced by a more stylish, wire-rim variety. And you never see ANN SOLDO dressed in slacks, or pantsuits. She always wears a dress because, well, because it's her style.

Soldo looks like the mother everyone would love to have. She's warm and friendly, and

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always eager to offer advice.

That quality - along with her strong sense of being in charge - has frequently agitated some council members, who often differ with her ideas. But everyone seems to agree that ANN SOLDO has what she considers the best interests of the city at heart.

As a lifelong resident of the Pajaro Valley, the mayor takes great pleasure in pointing

out the successes of Watsonville's native sons and daughters.

Maybe that's because she's one herself.

Born in Pajaro and a 1938 graduate of Watsonville High, SOLDO spent 36 years as a teacher and administrator in Pajaro Valley schools before she ended a one-year retirement to enter politics as a City Council member in 1979. She was elected mayor by a wide margin four years later.

"She's always trying to be on top," said ANN'S sister, LUCY COXON. "For as long as I can

remember, she's always pushed ahead."

Said one of her former bosses, Pajaro Valley School District Superintendent Jim Baker: "If ANN wanted to run for Assembly, she'd go for that and do quite well ... That's just the kind of person she is. She's a leader."

The road to City Hall seems an unlikely one for SOLDO, especially in a male-dominated

town that didn't see its first female council member until a decade ago.

But SOLDO says she's done quite nicely in a man's world. She says she grew up without really knowing any other way.

"I suppose deep inside I am a feminist. But," she cautioned, "I'm not a rebel."

A career in education was replete with opportunities for women, SOLDO said.

"It's only in the last few years, when I've been on the City Council, that I've found it is a man's world," she said.

But the mayor seemed to be quite comfortable in a "man's world," even when she was younger. SOLDO didn't marry until she was 36 years old, so "I was a little different than most of the other girls of my time," she said.

"I don't feel intimidated by men in office or in power," SOLDO said. "I haven't come

from a woman's world into a man's world. I've been in a man's world all along."

She said she learned a woman can make in on her own by watching her mother, LUCY MATIASEVICH, raise her five children by herself.

SOLDO never knew her father, NICK MATIASEVICH, an apple farmer who died a month before ANN

was born.

LUCY MATIASEVICH, who never remarried, raised ANN and her two brothers and two sisters on what NICK had left. But the Depression made life hard, SOLDO recalled, and there wasn't enough money to send any of the children to college "until it was my turn."

After graduating from San Jose State Teachers College during the Depression, the young ANN MATIASEVICH came back to Watsonville to teach at the old Hall Distric School in 1942.

Most of the men teachers were off fighting in World War II, she said, which meant she had to drive the school bus, pick up the groceries for the school lunches, teach class, and then coach football, basketball and track after school.

SOLDO said she enjoyed all that. But she also must have been pretty good at it, too,

because she became the boys' P.E. teacher at Pajaro School four years later.

After the war, she spent two years in Germany teaching the children of American servicemen. She traveled alone throughout Europe during vacations and days off.

She returned to Watsonville in 1952 and resumed teaching while working towards her master's

degree at Stanford, which she was awarded in 1954.

That gave her the credentials to move into school administration, which she did in 1955 as part-time principal at Radcliff School. For the next 23 years, she was a principal at various schools throughout the district, finally retiring as the first woman principal of Aptos Junior High.

(To be continued in our next issue)

Letters From Our Readers

From Long Beach, California, MILENKO MRVOS sent me this information thinking that our membership might be interested in assisting with this project.

It sounds very interesting and I am sure there are many of you who would like to hear about this and become involved in some way.

The University of Illinois at Chicago and its Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literature will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the birth of VUK STAFANOVIC KARADZIC (1787-1864) with AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

VUK STEFANOVIC KARADZIC & HIS TIMES
MAY 19-23, 1987

VUK KARADZIC was a great scholar, philologist, folklorist, ethnologist and historian. Since the 19th centurey, there has hardly been a Serbian woman, man or child who hasn't heard of VUK and to whom VUK'S name would not be familiar. From VUK's beautiful collections of epic poems and folktales, our children learn about the Kosovo Battle, knez Lazar and Milos Obilic, Kraljevic Marko and his mother Jevrosima, about Bas Celik and car Trajan, and our traditional ethics and customs.

He simplified and modernized the Cyrillic alphabet, introduced everyday Serbian into literature, left one of the best dictionaries of Serbian language, acquainted entire civilized Europe with Serbian national heritage and traditions.

The University of Illinois at Chicago will host VUK'S Symposium in the spring of 1987. All sessions will be open to the public. Also a concert of Serbian folk music, dancing and singing and a banquet with a lecture and an exhibit of rare Serbian books from the U.S. libraries will be open to the public.

Organization of all these exciting events cost money and so your support would be greatly appreciated. In order to apply to the various funding agencies, it must be shown that the Serbian community as a whole and its members individually support this endeavor.

If you wish to help in this endeavor, please write a letter of support and send your contribution to:

The Serbian Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, 1228 UH (m/c 306), Chicago IL 60680.

The goal is \$8,000 for the Symposium so that an application for a matching grant from various State and Federal Agencies may be made.

Oversight

From our local Register Pajaronian (6/14/86) comes this interesting article.

TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE:

In a post-election issue, you reported that Vivian Rackauckas, district attorney of Mendocino County, who when elected to that office in 1982, became the first woman elected district attorney in California. May I call to your attention (and that of the California District Attorneys Association, your source) to the primary election in Santa Cruz County in Santa Cruz County in 1950 when JUNE BORINA the appointed incumbent, was elected district attorney. Now she was the first.

PA WATSONVILLE

FUTURE ISSUES and FUTURE ARTICLES

MAYOR ANN SOLDO (con'td)
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NICHOLAS PODICH, ARTIST
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SPECIAL EVENTS

BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL represented YACO at Aptos High School on June 12, 1986 to present one of our two Scholarship Awards to Aptos High Graduate MAXWELL MARKER. Our sincerest congratulations are sent to Graduate MARKER with our best wishes for much success in his future!

JOIN US TODAY

We earnestly invite you to join the UGOSLAV-AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION stablished in 1979.

We are a non-profit, non-political, and non-religiously oriented organization, and our main purpose for coming together was to simply bring the various members of the Slavic community at large together for their mutual cultural enjoyment.

We are very proud to have among our members, Yugoslav-Americans whose families came from the many different regions and republics of today's Yugoslavia. We also have many members who are non-slavic but enjoy, appreciate and support the slavic culture and its vast richness.

Our goals are as we mentioned before, ONLY to promote a cultural awareness and appreciation of our heritage as well as to bring Slavs and non-slavs together in a social and cultural atmosphere. Our programs include folk dances from all regions of Yugoslavia as well as slides and movie presentations, history lectures, folk singing (we have a singing group called "HARMONIJA" who perform not only for YACO functions, but celebrate marvelous performances for many other groups both locally and out of the city), language instruction, and other various cultural activities.

Won't you consider joining us for a good time as well as a very informative experience? All memberships include the receipt of this paper, THE KALIFORNSKI each month to keep you informed of YACO's activities and other informative news.

The nicest people belong to YACO and you'll be among them once you join.

Our dues are as follows:

Single membership\$12.00 Family membership\$18.00

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:	Birth date
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Yugoslav Background	

Children under 18 included in Family Membership.

ATTENTION:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to see published in our newsletter, please let me know. I would appreciate your cooperation in publishing this newsletter each month. Any questions or suggestions, contact me:

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SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- 1. Trips by YACO members.
- 2. Visitors from the Old Country.
- Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad.
- Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members.
- 5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs.
- 6. Yugoslav recipes.
- 7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories.
- 8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
- 9. Yugoslav stories for children.
- Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members.

NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.

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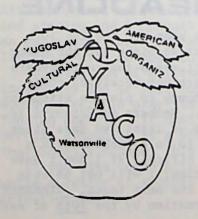
If someone you know is not receiving the KALIF-ORNSKI, please let me know. I publish this for you the membership and I would like each of you to have the opportunity of keeping in touch with YACO. CALL ME AT 724-1731 after 6pm.

YACO 1986 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE	1	Meeting (very short) 6 p.m. Family Potluck & Entertainment
JULY	4	Parade
	6	7th Annual Yaco Barbeque Corralitos Padres Park
AUG	3	Meeting - 7 p.m. Refreshments & Entertainment
SEPT	7	Meeting (very short) 6 p.m. Family Potluck & Entertainment
	28	Apple Annüal Parade & Bazaar
OCT	5	Meeting - 7 p.m. Refreshments & Entertainment
	12	YUGO FEST - V.F.W. Details later
NOV	2	Meeting - 7 p.m. ELECTIONS 1986-87 & Refreshments
DEC	7	CHRISTMAS DINNER Details later

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